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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LAW OF THE SEA

REF: STATE 85109

1. IN ABSENCE DEP. PM/FM FAHMY IN EUROPE UNTIL APRIL 13, POLCOUNS MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL TO MFA DIRECTOR LEGAL DEPARTMENT AL-ARABY ON APRIL 12 AND LEFT PRINCIPAL POINTS IN WRITING. AL-ARABY TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS MATTERS ONLY 10 DAYS AGO BUT DURING PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT TO GENEVA HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN SOME LOS CONFERENCES. HE THOROUGHLY AGREED WITH DESIRABILITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON TREATY THIS YEAR.

2. ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM, AL-ARABY MENTIONED THAT EGYPT HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED BINDING MECHANISM
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ON MATTERS INVOLVING THE ECONOMIC ZONE. HOWEVER, GOE

STILL HAD PROBLEM WITH APPLYING IT CLOSER TO
HOME IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD DISPUTES WITH ISRAEL.

3. POLCOUNS STRESSED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SAT-
ISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF STRAITS ISSUE. AL-ARABY
MADE NO COMMENT OTHER THAN THIS REMAINED CRUCIAL
ISSUE FOR GOE.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL PROVIDE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS
TO FONMIN AND GO OVER TALKING POINTS WITH HIM AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
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